

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 16, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Ben Moore, Selectman Representative
Maureen Buckley, Precinct Representative
Pat Collins
Joe Grzybowski
Brian Lapham
Mark McFarlin
Sandra Nickerson
Michael Plouffe
Richard Reniere
Diandra Sanphy
Peter Traynor

Excused

Richard Desrosiers

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Latimer congratulated Dave Lang for receiving the Loeb First Amendment Award for the LGC fight.

Chairman Latimer welcomed Tracy Emerick, Chairman of the CIP Committee and Planning Board. She said Mr. Emerick has done an excellent job in giving the Committee needed information.

Mr. Emerick said the CIP Committee was established in the late 1990's and assigned to the Planning Board. The CIP handles borrowing and imposing of impact fees. The Town, SAU 90 and SAU 21 are the three components. Prioritizing is important and the following new classifications have been established:

1. Class I URGENT/FAILURE PROBABLE – Cannot be delayed, needed immediately for Health and safety
2. Class II NECESSARY – Needed to maintain basic level and quality of community Service
3. Class III DESIRABLE – Needed to improve quality or level of service
4. Class IV TO BE DETERMINED – Needs more research, specifics and coordination

Mr. Emerick said Class IV may never happen, but it should be visible. All of this information will be online and show tax impact for the coming year. Mr. Emerick discussed needs of SAU 90 and SAU 21.

Mr. McFarlin asked how the CIP determines what is urgent or necessary. Mr. Emerick said this comes from the governing body with the need. The participants need to inform the CIP.

Chairman Latimer said a lot of time and effort has gone into the new classifications.

Mr. Traynor asked about revolving funds being included. Mr. Emerick said they would not because they are self-funding. However these would still be listed.

Chairman Latimer discussed educational seminars and supplies for Committee members. She said there is some unused legal money in the Budget Committee budget. She would like to have the Committee consider redistribution of the sub lines so as not to increase the budget for 2013, for discussion at the next meeting.

Dissemination of information by email was discussed. Ms. Sanphy said it is important to be careful about email if you state an opinion because it can legally become a public meeting. Chairman Latimer said informational emails should always say "Information Only, Do Not Respond".

Selectman Report

Ben Moore discussed the solid waste and collection analysis. A report has been prepared by Mike Schwotzer. Mr. Moore discussed the LGC status. The LGC has indicated they will return \$20 million during 2013 by way of a contributions holiday. The Board of Selectmen have decided credit will be shown as a revenue in the financial statements. Mr. Moore said there are still a lot of details to be worked out.

Mr. Moore said September financials have been given to the Committee. The Town is doing well year to date. According to Mike Schwotzer, the Town is underspent by about \$200,000. Mr. Moore said the budget that will be presented to the Committee for next year will be \$24,603,000.

Precinct Report

Maureen Buckley said two weeks ago the State recognized the Hampton Beach Village District for all their work done for tourism. Ms. Buckley said this past summer was a

very successful one. The new stage worked out very well. Chief Silver spoke about the fire station project at the last Precinct meeting and the Commissioners passed motions to help finalize the project. Mr. Lapham noted that Chief Silver has a website showing progression of the project.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2012.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Buckley). Motion passed.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Mr. Traynor thanked the voters who elected him to the Budget Committee. Mr. Traynor said that due to a complete change of schedules and obligations he will be unable to attend meetings and therefore is tendering his resignation.

Chairman Latimer thanked Mr. Traynor for his dedication and great work while a member of the Budget Committee.

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Collins, to regretfully accept Mr. Traynor's resignation from the Budget Committee.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Traynor). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer said there is now a vacant seat on the Committee for the balance of the year. She asked anyone interested in this position contact the Town Manager's office.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at which time the first half of General Government will be addressed.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary